

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Chang, et al.

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**For:   SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING AUTONOMOUS  
PERSISTENT STORAGE SYSTEMS**

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**Amendment**

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 26, 2006. An RCE has been submitted herewith. Please amend the claims as follows: